

Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-5, 10-14 and 18-20 are pending in the application, and that Claims 1-5 and 18-20 are rejected. By this amendment, Claims 1, 5 and 18 have been amended, Claims 2 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice, and Claim 21 has been added. Thus, Claims 1, 3-5, 10-14, 18, 20 and 21 are pending in the application. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Claim Objections and Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1, 5, 18 and 19 are objected to and/or rejected because of various informalities. **Claims 1, 5 and 18** have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for each element.

With regard to the recitation "a monitored voltage" in **Claim 18**, Applicants respectfully submit that the element "a monitored voltage" is clear to one skilled in the art. One skilled in the art clearly appreciates which signal in Figure 2A is a monitored voltage. In addition, when the limitation of "an event of a monitored voltage" is considered in combination with the written description that "Vr" is "a reference voltage" it is clear to those skilled in the art that the reference voltage does (Vr) not have "an event" and therefore is not a monitored voltage.

Furthermore, new Claim 21 further limits that "a monitored voltage" comprises "an input voltage" (V_i) relative to a "reference voltage" (V_r).

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,444,744 to Yamamoto. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include all of the limitation of Claim 2, which the Examiner has kindly indicated to be allowable. Similarly, Claim 18 has been amended to include all of the limitation of Claim 19, which the Examiner has kindly indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 3-5, 10-14, 18, 20 and 21 are all in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 504160. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a

petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 504160.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric J. Gash", is written over a horizontal line.

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